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My dear Sir

Nanger 13th Feb. 1798 off Quebec

You will confer a singular obligation upon me by presenting my respects to the French Admiral whom I mean to salute with thirteen Guns Under American Colours — provided he will accept the Compliment and return Gun for Gun. — This proposal I hope will be the more acceptable to him as it may be a prelude to future Amity between the United States and his Court.

I shall be happy to see you here as soon as possible after you have the Admiral's answer. Mean time pray excuse this trouble — I am
my dear Sir with sentiments of esteem and Respect
Yours very obliged

very obedient
most humble servant
J. G. Jones

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13th Feby 1778

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